

“AI” AND “AY” WORD SORT

1. Read all the words.
2. Underline the letters that make the “long a” sound in each word.
3. Cut the words apart.
4. Sort the words by beginning sounds: /b/, /h/, /t/, /s/. (four piles)
5. Sort words by the spelling of long a: “ai” and “ay.” (2 piles)
6. When “long a” is in the middle of these words, how do we spell it? (ai) When “long a” is at the end of these words, how do we spell it? (ay)

braid
hail
clay
tray
stray
train
trail
stain
hay
bay